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An Overview of

The City of Alexandria *AND* The Alexandria Fire Department

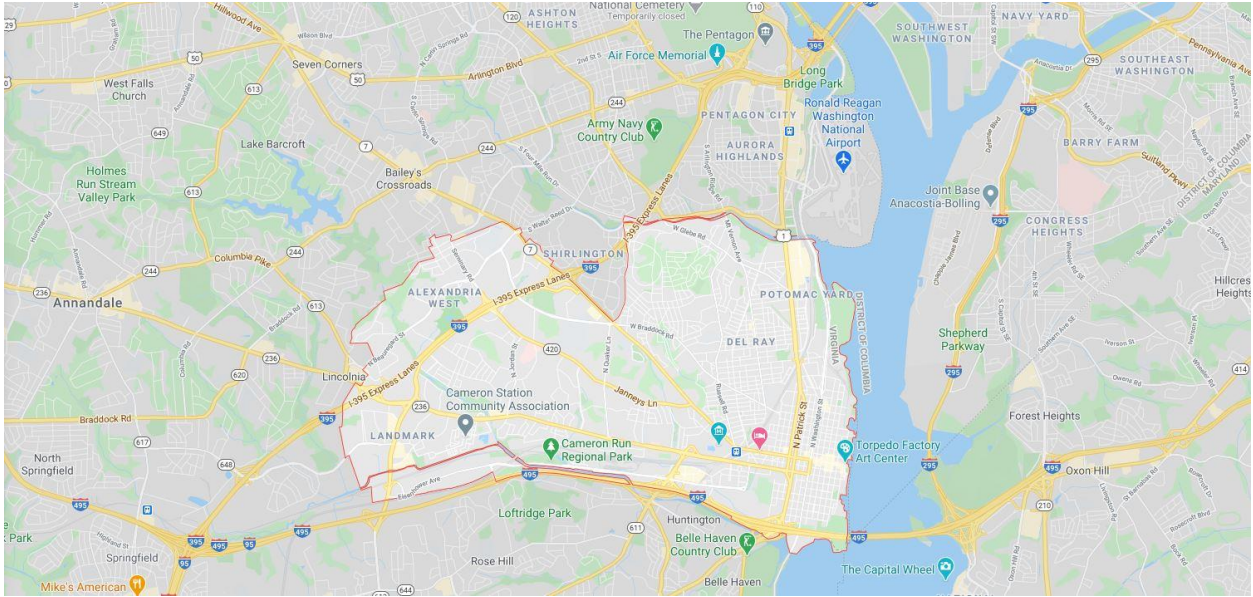


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City of Alexandria

Area Total: 15.35 sq. mi. | Land – 14.93 sq. mi. Water – .41 sq. mi.



- Borders West: Fairfax County, VA**
- Borders North: Arlington County, VA**
- Borders South: Fairfax County, VA**
- Borders East: Potomac River
Prince George's County, MD**
- Borders Northeast: Washington, DC**

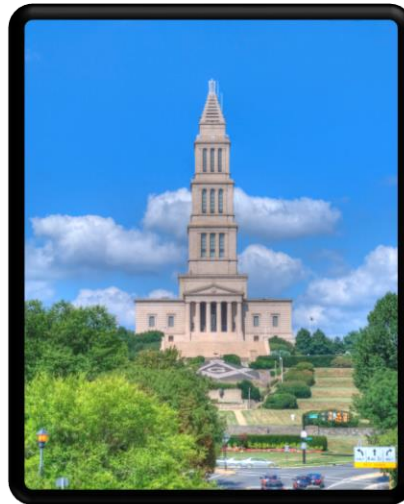


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The City of Alexandria is Home to:

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**George Washington
Masonic National Memorial**



A repository of many artifacts and the history of American Freemasons, the Memorial remains a lasting monument to George Washington.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum



The two, 18th-century taverns that make up Gadsby's Tavern Museum capture the changing landscape of the early United States. Visitors can learn about that complex time through tours, programs, and special events.

John Carlyle House



The 18th-century historic house museum in Old Town was completed in 1753 by John Carlyle, a founder of Alexandria.



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Alexandria City Hall



Torpedo Factory



Founded in 1974 in an old munitions plant, Torpedo Factory Art Center is home to the nation's largest number of publicly accessible working artist studios under one roof.

**National Science
Foundation HQ**



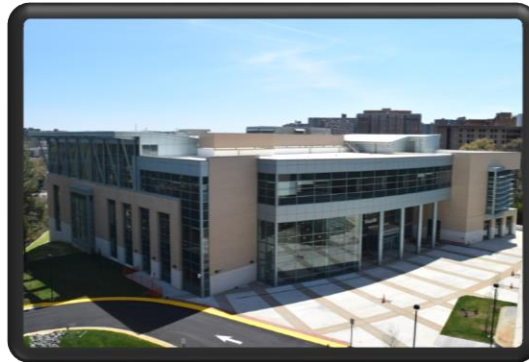


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**Northern Virginia Community
College – Alexandria**



**U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office**



**Virginia Theological
Seminary**



Virginia Theological Seminary is the flagship seminary of the Episcopal Church. Founded in 1823, VTS prepares women and men from around the world for both ordained and lay service in the Church.

***The City of Alexandria has several historic locations, including some critical infrastructure that are more than 100 years old.**



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Population Demographics

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- **49% White alone, not Hispanic or Latino**
- **20% Black or African American**
- **16% Hispanic or Latino**
- **6% Asian alone**
- **5% Two or more races**
- **4% Other race alone**
- **14% of City population speaks Spanish; 5% speaks Amharic; 2% speaks Arabic**
- **34% of the City's population living below the poverty line identify as Black or African American; 29% of the City's population living below the poverty line identify as Hispanic or Latino**
- **Median Household Income: \$96,700**

** Source: alexandriava.gov/Demographics*



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The Fire Department

- **More than 300 sworn & civilian employees**
- **Founded in 1774; 1st paid professional firefighters hired in 1855.**
- **Includes: firefighters, paramedics, fire prevention staff, administrative support, emergency management, maintenance/shop**
- **[AFD Website](#)**

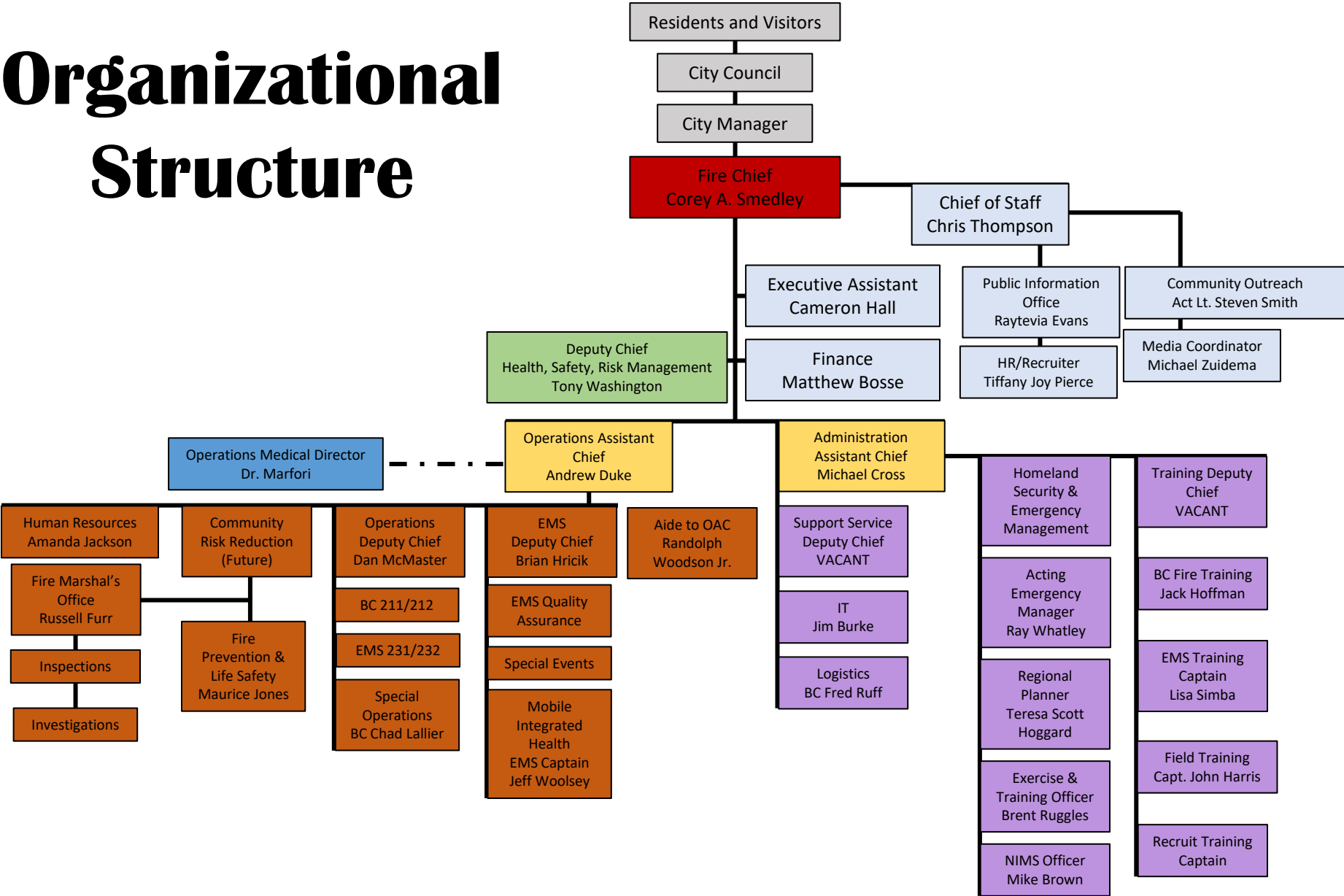




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Organizational Structure



Physical Plant

- **10 Fire Stations**
 - Fire Station 201 – Old Town (317 Prince St.)
 - Fire Station 202 – Del Ray (213 E. Windsor Ave.)
 - Fire Station 203 – Beverly Hills (2801 Cameron Mills Rd.)
 - Fire Station 204 – Powhatan Park (2nd Floor HQ, 900 Second St.)
 - Fire Station 205 – Rosemont (1210 Cameron St.)
 - Fire Station 206 – Seminary Valley (4609 Seminary Rd.)
 - Fire Station 207 – Cameron Valley (3301 Duke St.)
 - Fire Station 208 – Landmark (175 N. Paxton St.)
 - Fire Station 209 – Potomac Yards (2800 Main Line Blvd.)
 - Fire Station 210 – Eisenhower Valley (5255 Eisenhower Ave.)
 - Fire Maintenance Shop (3552 Wheeler Ave.)
- **Professional Development Center (PDC) East (1108 Jefferson St.)**
- **PDC West (Training Academy) is located on the lower level of Fire Station 210 in Eisenhower Valley**
- **Friendship Firehouse (107 S. Alfred St.)**
 - Friendship Firehouse is a historic location in the City of Alexandria
 - Location is more than 160 years old
 - The Friendship, Sun, Relief, Hydraulion and other local volunteer fire companies served the community faithfully, particularly during enormous blazes in 1827, 1855, 1871, and 1922. Some of their stories and equipment are preserved today in the [Friendship Firehouse Museum](#).





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Apparatus Fleet

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6 ALS/BLS Units



9 Engines



1 Heavy Rescue Squad



3 Ladder Trucks



22 Tactical Support Units



1 Fire Boat



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Annual Call Volume

Call Volume by Classification

Total				
Category		2018	2019	*2020
Fire	10,079	3,852	3,833	2,394
Hazmat	2,432	906	1,001	525
Medical	35,664	13,115	13,609	8,940
Other	1,302	562	503	237
Public Service	4,295	1,716	1,609	970
Rescue	5,197	2,047	2,097	1,053
Transfer	164	75	60	29
Total	59,133	22,273	22,712	14,148

Call Volume by Jurisdiction

Total				
Jurisdiction		2018	2019	*2020
000 DC	12	4	6	2
100 ARL	3,398	1,338	1,338	722
200 ALX	48,002	18,252	18,410	11,340
300 MWAA	274	123	130	21
400 FFX	7,025	2,450	2,645	1,930
800 PG	418	104	182	132
Other	4	2	1	1
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**Data collected for 2020 is through Sept. 2, 2020.*



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Interagency Cooperation System

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Fire Chiefs Committee

The Fire Chiefs Committee is comprised of officials from local, state, federal and non-profit organizations within the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) region. The Committee meets on a monthly basis to address issues of regional importance regarding Fire and Rescue policies and practices in the region.

The Fire Chiefs Committee advises the Emergency Preparedness Council (EPC), the Homeland Security Executive Committee (HSEC) and the Human Services and Public Safety Policy Subcommittee (HSPSPC) on regional issues related to the fire and rescue service.

The Fire Chiefs Committee oversees a number of regional technical subcommittees specific to hazardous materials response, technical rescue, public safety communications, emergency medical services, rail safety, firefighter health and safety, life safety, technology, training and bomb squads. Each subcommittee consists of individuals with specialized expertise and skills related to the particular topic, and they work and report on critical issues related to these matters.





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Recruit School

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- **Emergency Medical Technician**
 - *6 weeks of training (196 hours of classroom and field training)*
- **Firefighter I & II**
 - *217 hours of training, not including state testing*
- **Emergency Vehicle Operator Course 1-4**
 - *Minimum 16 hours of training; 1 per week, not including practical testing*
- **Hazardous Materials Operations**
 - *32 hours of training, not including state testing*
- **Vehicle Rescue I**
 - *16 hours of training*
- **Driver Pumper Operator**
 - *56 hours of training, not including state testing*
- **Driver Aerial Operator**
 - *40 hours of training, not including state testing*
- **Fireground Survival (IAFC Course)**
 - *24-hour course, including bail out systems training*



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Department Demographics

Ethnicity	Sworn	Civilian	Departmentwide
Am. Ind./Alaska, Black Non-Hispanic	1	-	1
American Indian	3	-	3
Asian	1	-	1
Asian White Non-Hispanic	1	-	1
Black	64	6	70
Black White Non-Hispanic	2	-	2
Hawaiian Pacific	6	-	6
Hispanic	22	-	22
Other Race	3	-	3
Three or more Races	1	-	1
White	167	15	182



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Department Demographics (cont'd.)

Gender	Sworn	Civilian	Departmentwide
Female	47	8	55
Male	226	13	239

Demographics of Incoming Recruit School (RS 51)

Ethnicity	# of Recruits
Asian	1
Black	6
Hispanic	3
White	9
TOTAL	19

Gender	# of Recruits
Female	1
Male	18

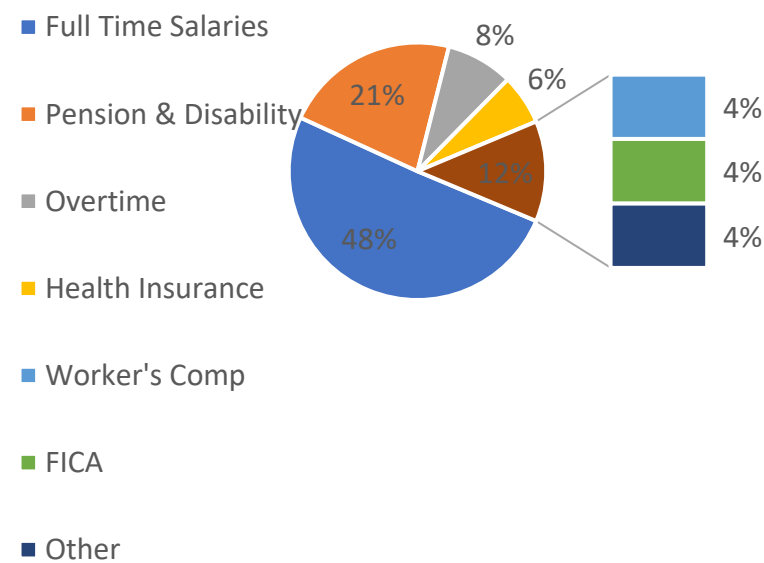


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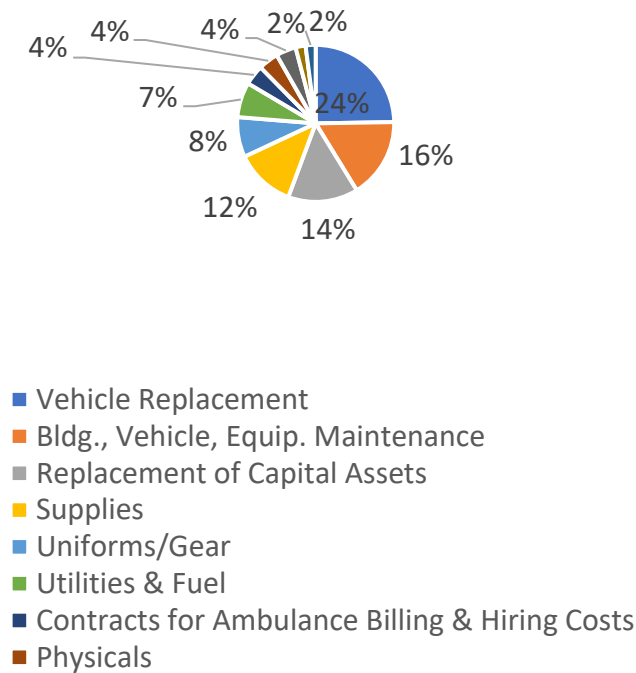
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Fire Department Budget (cont'd.)

AFD Personnel Costs (\$49M)



Non-Personnel Costs (\$6.5M)



The Fire Department’s budget is referred to as the City’s general fund operating budget. The fiscal year started on July 1, 2018 and ended on June 20, 2019. The general fund is the portion of the budget that is funded by City of Alexandria tax dollars. The operating budget refers to the day-to-day operations of the department consisting of salaries, supplies, and equipment and does not include the capital budget, which deals with the replacement of fire stations and other fixed facilities. Local City of Alexandria tax dollars provide 96% of the department’s overall operating budget.

The Alexandria Fire Department has an overall general fund operating budget of \$55.7M (FY 20). Of this, \$48.9M is related to personnel costs (salaries, benefits, overtime) while \$6.5M is non-personnel related (supplies, hose, ladders, personal protective gear, uniforms, maintenance of stations and vehicles, etc.).



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